

The next meeting of Hollinwood Community Council will take place at 7pm on Thursday 3 April at St Margaret's Church Hall (Canon George Hall), off Chapel Road, Hollinwood.

Interesting facts about Hollinwood

Some historical milestones:

- 1768** St Margaret's Church built
- 1797** Hollinwood (Branch) Canal opened
- 1890 -1905** Textile mills built - mainly for spinning
- 1896** Ferranti move to Hollinwood
- 1931** Limeside Primary School opens

Famous People:

Henry Taylor Olympic Freestyle Swimming Champion – Born in 1885
Famous hangman Albert Pierrepont lived in Hollinwood and ran a pub on Manchester Road called Help the Poor Struggler

I bet you didn't know...

That the first members of Oldham Baptist Church were baptised in the old canal reservoir in Hollinwood.

Your Area Manager

Your starting point for information about the Community Council is your Area Manager Zaiem Khan. He can be contacted on 0161 770 5162 or email zaiem.khan@oldham.gov.uk

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Hollinwood Local Matters

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'Sweep to the Beat' in Hollinwood

From 2 June residents of the Collier Hill/Little Africa area will benefit from the services of a team brought together from a range of local organisations that aims to help improve their neighbourhood as part of the latest Beatsweep. Before the week of hard work begins there will be a fun day to get people in the mood on Sunday 1 June.

A Beatsweep is a week-long period of activity, which aims to make a positive impact on an area and provide an opportunity for a fresh start for members of the community. Beatsweeps have been very successful in other areas of Oldham and have made a significant impact on resident's quality of life.

In preparation for the week all the households in the area will be visited by PCSOs, Housing officers and the Fire Service and asked to complete doorstep questionnaires. The information from residents will help to identify key areas for action during the Beatsweep.

Throughout the week councillors, Police and



staff from the Community Safety Unit, First Choice Homes Oldham (FCHO) and Housing 21 will be talking to local residents identifying problems affecting the local area.

Officers from the Fire service will be carrying out home fire risk assessments and the Council's Street Scene Teams will be cleaning alleyways and streets.

Volunteers from Groundwork Oldham and Rochdale will be working with schools, churches and other groups to raise awareness and encourage people to get involved. They will also be organising community clean-ups and focusing on local grot spots.

Hollinwood Beatsweep in Collier Hill will commence from 2 June.

Police target crime in the area

Police in Oldham have been conducting operations in the area, after a rise in the number of serious burglaries and business robberies in Failsworth and Hollinwood and across other areas of Greater Manchester.

The Failsworth and Hollinwood Neighbourhood Policing Team has increased patrols, bringing in extra officers to provide reassurance to the local community, act as a deterrent to thieves and investigate and identify those responsible.

In a number of the burglaries, cars have been taken and then recovered in other areas of Greater Manchester. These cars are currently being forensically examined and Oldham officers are sharing information with the other officers involved. Similarly, vehicles stolen from other areas have been found abandoned in the Failsworth area.

As a result of these policing operations and information from the community, a number of key arrests have been made. Local officers will continue to make sure that those responsible are brought to justice.

Inspector Dave Stopford said: "It's been a difficult start to the year, but we're making lots of progress. I can't always let the

community know what we are doing, as parts of the operations are of a covert nature but rest assured, we are constantly working to reduce crime and make Failsworth and Hollinwood a safer place for those who live and work here.

"I am aware that incidents of this type can be traumatic for those involved and we are determined to work hard, along with our colleagues and the community, to rid the area of this type of crime.

"We rely on the information that the community gives us and would like to encourage anyone with information about crime within their neighbourhood to contact us, so we can do something about it. If you see anything that appears out of place, such as a vehicle not normally associated with the area or people acting suspiciously then please report this to the police.

To report a crime or something suspicious call Greater Manchester Police on 0161 872 5050.

If the call is to pass on information and does not require immediate police response then ring the local neighbourhood team on 0161 856 8988 and leave a message or pass on information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Volunteering for success

Volunteering is fast becoming the best way to making a real difference to the local community.

Not only does it create a feel good factor, it also gives young people extra qualities, skills and experience that look great on a CV or an application form.

The V Team at Groundwork has worked with nearly 300 young people to giving them the opportunity to make an impact in their community through volunteering.

Over the next few months young people will have the opportunity to take part in the following initiatives:

Ranger for a Day - Working with the Oldham Countryside Service to undertake such tasks as tree felling and fence repair and keep local green spaces tidy and well maintained.

Outdoor Pursuits - Train up to become a volunteer leader in canoeing, cycling or rock climbing.

Training Opportunities - First Aid, basic food hygiene, manual handling, health & safety, basic maths and much more!

Community events - Working with Groundwork on a number of projects such as consultations, clear ups and environmental improvements.

Over 2 You - a funding grant for young people to apply for a maximum of £500 to help them make a difference with their own projects!

Princes Trust Team - a 12-week personal development programme for young people. Young people who are interested in any of these schemes should contact Becci West, V Project Coordinator, Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale on 0161 624 1444.

Tidiest shop in Hollinwood

Hollinwood Community Council is asking residents to nominate a shop or business that they think is the tidiest in the neighbourhood.

Shops and businesses play an important part in local life and the way in which they are maintained has an impact on the local environment. The Community Council wants to recognise and reward local businesses that contribute to a clean and tidy Hollinwood.

If you would like to nominate a local business for the positive way in which they help to keep Hollinwood tidy please contact Area Manager Zaiem Khan on:

0161 770 5162.

New and improved community facilities

Over the past few months several local community buildings have been refurbished to improve facilities for community use in Hollinwood.

St Margaret's Church and King George Hall have had the car park and path resurfaced and an IT suite installed.

Walkers Road Tenants Hall has had a new kitchen, new external walls, and roof. **Limeside Methodist Church** has had a new kitchen, new gates, disabled access and exterior lights and **Limehurst Tenants and Residents Association** has been extended and the kick pitch is currently being revamped.

Don't lose your right to vote in the 1 May local elections. You have until 16 April to register to vote. Call the Elections Office on: 0161 770 4712/4718.